

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1079 – HB 1381**

March 21, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires all stair steps leading into a public entrance of a public building constructed, purchased, or leased by the state, or a political division of the state, on or after July 1, 2017, to be marked with yellow paint applied at a thickness of two inches. Requires all public buildings to be marked with yellow paint applied at a thickness of two inches after July 1, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures –

Exceeds \$15,000/FY17-18

Exceeds \$7,500/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures –

Exceeds \$42,800/FY17-18\*

Exceeds \$14,300/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years\*

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005567):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires all stair steps leading into a public entrance of a public building constructed, purchased, or approved for renovations by the State Building Commission by the state, or a political division of the state, on or after July 1, 2017, to be marked with a detectable nosing of a contrasting color at a thickness of not less than one inch and not more than two inches. Authorizes public entities exercising control over a public building listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Tennessee Register of Historic Places to apply for a waiver in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412(c) in order to apply such nosing.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$800**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$14,300\***

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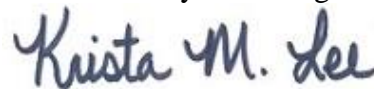
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation defines a public building as a building or structure owned by the state or its political subdivision used by the general public for providing or receiving public benefits or public services and excludes places of gathering or amusement, including: theaters, auditoriums, restaurants, hotels, factories, stadiums, shopping areas, convention centers, and all other places of public accommodations.
- Based on information provided by the Department of General Services, the average cost to apply a detectable nosing of a contrasting color to applicable stairs of a building is \$150 per building. This analysis assumes the cost is constant for all state and local government buildings.
- At least 5 state buildings will require step nosing application in FY17-18 and subsequent years.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures resulting from applying detectable nosing of a contrasting color to public building steps is estimated to exceed \$750 (5 minimum buildings x \$150 nosing).
- It is estimated at least one building per county will require step nosing application in FY17-18 and subsequent years.
- The mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures resulting from applying detectable nosing of a contrasting color to public building steps is estimated to exceed \$14,250 (95 counties x 1 minimum building x \$150 nosing).

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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